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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98 and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby makes of record the patents, publications, or other information listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider the patents, publications, or other information and make these of record in the subject application.

The above identified patent application is being or was filed after June 30, 2003, such that copies of each cited U.S. Patent and each cited U.S. Patent Application Publication are not required to be submitted, see 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii). However, copies of the remaining patents and publications, if any, are enclosed herewith. None of the patents, publications, or other information being provided discloses the inventive concepts claimed in the subject application.

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of the listed foreign language publication of the website http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/VW_Touran, as presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information. This reference was submitted in the Opposition Proceeding against European Patent No. EP 1 545 920 by Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems GmbH. This reference states that the VW Touran automobile was sold in Germany in 2004. Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems GmbH discusses this reference in their Notice of Opposition, which was previously cited in the present application in an IDS dated September 23, 2009. Specifically, in Metzeler's Notice of Opposition, Metzeler argues that the Volkswagen AG drawings from October 17, 2001, which were also cited in the present application in the IDS dated September 23, 2009, embody the seal of the rear door of a 2004 VW Touran.

Submitted herewith is an English translation of the foreign language patents, publications or information or of portions of those patents, publications or information listed on Form PTO/SB/08A.

Communication by the Opponent in the Opposition
Proceeding against European Patent No. EP 1 545
920, submitted by Metzeler Automotive Profile
Systems GmbH on June 17, 2010.

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